

## HOME FOR GIRL WHO TOOK ACID.

Dr. William W. Ford Adopts Little Martha Helwig, Whose Life Was Saved After Attempt at Suicide.

### TAKES HER TO THE SOUTH.

Keeps His Address Secret, but Has Taken This Child, Who Was Tired of Life, to Replace His Own Dead Daughter.

Martha Helwig has now a father and a mother. She has been adopted by Dr. William W. Ford, a wealthy Southern physician. She was taken in charge by her adopted father as soon as she was released from custody today. Martha attempted suicide on Dec. 2. She was an errand girl in a Harlem dry-goods store. On Dec. 2 she asked for a few minutes' time and, seeking an out-of-the-way spot in the building, swallowed carbolic acid.

She was found by some other girls in the store who heard her groans. She was taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, and when she recovered consciousness the physicians asked her why she did such a thing.

"Nothing to live for," she replied wearily. "I was so tired. I have nothing to live for. I have no father or mother, perhaps if I did it would be different. I do not want to live."

But the physicians insisted on her living, and she was sufficiently recovered to-day to appear before Justice Mayer in the Children's Court. The story of her attempted suicide as well as the pathetic explanation of her motive attracted widespread notice. Among those who read the unfortunate girl's story and was deeply stirred by it was Dr. William W. Ford. He had lost a daughter about this girl's age—Martha is fourteen years old—and he left his home in the South and hurried to New York, determined to adopt the girl if she would so.

Dr. Ford visited the J. Hood Wright Hospital and had several interviews with the girl. She thought the matter over, and finally consented to take the place of Dr. Ford's daughter. Dr. Ford then secured the consent of Mrs. Christina Grenten, who was Martha's aunt and guardian, and all the details were arranged.

Dr. Ford called at the hospital to-day with a carriage, and accompanied by Policemen Evans, Superintendent Campbell of the dry-goods firm where Martha had worked, took the girl to court. Martha is a beautiful girl. Her features are small and delicate, but regular and firmly formed. Her eyes are a clear gray and her mouth a cupid's bow that was not harmed by the burning acid she drank two weeks ago. The only outward evidence of her attempt at suicide was a sore on her chin, which had not yet healed. She was robed in a black skirt and a heavy beaver jacket. Her hat was flat crowned and from it hung a heavy black veil.

### The Judge Was Kind.

This she raised as she stood in front of Justice Mayer and so disclosed the singular beauty of her features.

"You need not raise your veil," said Justice Mayer, kindly. "Where is the gentleman who wishes to adopt this girl?"

Dr. Ford came forward and took a seat close to Justice Mayer. A conversation took place in low tones. Justice Mayer then asked Martha if she was willing to be adopted by Dr. Ford and to regard him as her father in the future.

The girl replied in a whisper. She has not yet regained her voice, and the sympathy of all in the court went out to the frail, beautiful girl who had become tired of life at the age of fourteen.

Justice Mayer then discharged the girl from custody.

Dr. Ford refused point-blank to give any information concerning himself. They drove away in the carriage, presumably to the residence of Mrs. Grenten, at No. 220 West One Hundred and Fourth street, where Martha packed up her few belongings and said good-by to her old life.

Justice Mayer was asked to give the address of Dr. Ford, but he declined, saying that it was a private communication to the court.

"I will say that he lives in a Middle State, somewhere between Florida and New York."

### MODEL PARKS WITH BATHS.

Playgrounds for Children to Be Constructed on East Side.

President William R. Wilcox, of the Park Department, before the West End Republican Club, No. 207 Broadway, outlined the plans, now complete, for the transformation of Seward Park at Hester and Essex streets, one of the most crowded districts of the east side.

A large playground at the north end has been inclosed in an iron fence, provided with underground drainage and will be equipped with athletic appliances for the younger boys. Another will be furnished with sand-boxes, swings and everything to amuse the smaller children.

The building, to be known as the Shelter, which will occupy the space immediately in front of the playground, will be in Italian renaissance architecture, and its broad steps will serve as a resting-place for the mothers of the tenants. It will be 150 feet long by 30 feet wide. The basement will contain lavatories, etc., and about fifty or sixty shower baths for the children. Other works are likewise to be remodelled.

### NEW HOCKEY RULES FOR COLLEGE TEAMS.

Lines of Eligibility Will Be Closely Drawn This Year.

Tale, Harvard, Columbia, Princeton and Brown universities will be represented in the Intercollegiate Hockey League this year, and at a meeting held last night a new set of eligibility rules were decided upon. They were designed to draw the lines a little more closely than they were in the past.

## TOBIN AGAIN RANTS AND RAVES

Man Accused of Beheading Capt. Craft Continues Queer Actions in the Court-Room To-Day.

### THE ALIENISTS STUDY HIM.

Defense Is Making a Hard Fight to Save the Miserable Prisoner from Being Sent to the Electric Chair.

Thomas "Butch" Tobin raved and ranted, talked and dribbled, for the alienists and neurologists in the Criminal

Branch of the Supreme Court to-day, where he was led to continue his trial on the charge of beheading Capt. James Craft in the dingy cellar under the Empire dive in West Twenty-ninth street.

The prosecution had rested and Abraham Levy began the hardest effort of his life for the defense. Levy had Mr. Manson and Dr. Williams, noted insanity experts, in the room, to observe the actions of Tobin. He says that they cannot but decide that Tobin is insane.

The first witness for the defense was William Hansbury, deputy warden of the Tombs.

He had been a Warden of the Kings County Penitentiary from 1885 to 1890 while Tobin was serving a seven-year sentence for highway robbery. He surprised Mr. Levy by saying that then Tobin was the next witness. He testified that since he has been in the Tombs he has tried to talk with Tobin and that invariably Tobin would reply:

"What a liar! I have lost 400 pounds already and will be King Nero."

Patrick Ryan, deputy warden in the Tombs, was the next witness. He testified that while incarcerated in the city prison Tobin certainly did act the part of a madman to perfection.

"When I would go near his cell he would tell me a lot of stuff about his airship and then break out in the worst cursing I ever heard, and we get all the new and original cursing over in that place."

Drs. Dana, McDonald and Packer, insanity experts, have been observing Tobin several days, and they will be called in rebuttal of the testimony to prove that Tobin is insane.

After Keeper Ryan had testified that Tobin had misbehaved in the Tombs by swearing and spitting at the other prisoners, Tobin's counsel asked that court adjourn to give his two experts, Drs. L. S. Manson and E. H. Williams an opportunity to examine the prisoner. It was agreed that this should be done, the State's experts, Drs. McDonald, Packer and Dana being present at the same time. An adjournment was then taken.

### FROM SHERIFF TO ALTAR.

Ingersoll Settles Breach of Promise Suit in Time to Wed.

(Special to The Evening World.) MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 12.—When Charles Ingersoll, twenty-five years old, of Avon, Conn., was married yesterday in Grace Church chapel, in New York, Miss Cornelia Stannard Post, aged thirty-five, daughter of Mrs. George D. Post, a wealthy widow of Westbrook, Conn., he had not been long out of the keeping of Sheriff William Morris, of Hartford, who attached his body in a \$5,000 breach of promise suit of Miss Esther Stratton, of Haddam, Conn.

Miss Stratton placed two hundred love letters in the hands of her lawyer, alleged to have been written to her by Ingersoll. Richard Ely, a cousin of Ingersoll, went on his bond and the case was settled in time for him to appear at his wedding.

The bride, bridegroom and plaintiff are connected with some of the best known Connecticut families. Mrs. Ingersoll has wealthy relatives in New York.

## "BUTCH" TOBIN ON TRIAL FOR BEHEADING CAPT. CRAFT

SKETCHED FROM LIFE AS HE SAT IN COURT TO-DAY.



## LOVE'S GAIN IS LAWYERS' LOSS.

Mr. and Mrs. Betts Meet at the Waldorf and There Is One Less Divorce Suit on the Calendar To-Day.

HE IS AGED 64, SHE IS 62.

The divorce calendar in Part II. of the Supreme Court, is short to-day one case which was soon to have come to trial, and the parties thereto are making merry in celebration of the reconciliation which is proving a veritable honeymoon.

When M. Betts, an insurance man, with offices at No. 1 Madison avenue, was defendant in the action. He and his wife met in the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday and fell into each other's arms. Tears, endearing terms and a complete reconciliation followed.

To-day an order discontinuing the divorce suit by mutual consent was entered by R. McC. Robinson, of No. 302 Broadway, attorney for Mrs. Betts, and Fallows, Duffy & Milne, of No. 170 Broadway, acting for the defendant.

Following the reconciliation there was a supper at the Waldorf, at which the only guest beside the re-united couple—who smiled at one another like a bride and groom of twenty—was Mrs. James Poole, of No. 404 West Twenty-third street, who was the Good Samaritan who bound up the wounds of both and effected the reconciliation.

Mr. and Mrs. Betts feel very kindly towards Mrs. Poole, but they have left the boarding-house over which she presided, as rather too much notoriety attaches to their past actions to make residence among her guests, all of whom know them, desirable.

Mr. Betts is sixty-four and his wife is two years younger. Sixteen days before their marriage he wrote a letter referring to the financial inequity and suggesting that a division be made. A month after they were married she gave him \$25.00 and jewelry worth \$2,000. This was all she had, save a summer home at Navesink, N. J. She made no complaint regarding the money until the divorce proceedings were begun on account of alleged intimacy with one Murella Muller, when Mrs. Betts made the latter part of the court records and it was printed in the newspapers.

Mr. Betts was deeply hurt that his letter should have been made public, but enlisted the aid of Mrs. Poole, the

mutual friend, to bring about a reconciliation. She induced Mrs. Betts to go to the Waldorf, with the result as stated.

Mr. Betts is of fine appearance, tall, dignified and commanding. He wears a white waistcoat and has a charm of manner which according to Mrs. Betts, brings him in \$5,000 yearly from his business.

The last thing he was heard to say to the lawyers in the case was to his wife were leaving the office was: "Are you insured? Let me take out a policy on your life."

## PATRICK SEEKS ANOTHER CHANCE

Recorder Goff Hears Application for New Trial of Man Convicted of Murdering Rich Old Mr. Rice.

### AURICH MAKES DENIALS.

Messrs. Battle, House and Moore to Be Examined Next Tuesday, When Final Argument Will Be Heard.

Hearing on the motion for a new trial of Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of Millionaire William M. Rice, was continued to-day before Recorder Goff in the library of the Criminal Court Building.

The motion is made on the ground of newly discovered evidence and errors committed at the first trial. John C. Tomlinson and E. J. Kohler, counsel for Patrick, have directed their efforts to discrediting the evidence of Dr. Hamilton Williams, who testified at the trial that Mr. Rice died of chloroform poisoning, which fitted the confession of the Valet Jones, that he chloroformed the old man.

Dr. Williams assisted Coroners' Physician E. J. Donlin to make the autopsy on Mr. Rice's body at the Morgue, Robert F. Aurich, an attendant at the Morgue, who was present at the autopsy, testified at the present proceedings that he heard Dr. Williams say after the autopsy that there was nothing to show that death was due to other than natural causes and old age. Recorder Goff ruled that testimony out at the trial.

Dr. Donlin, the first witness called to-day, testified that he met Dr. Williams at the Morgue by accident and asked him to assist.

"Did you say to the reporters afterward, 'There's nothing in it, boys. The man died of old age'?" asked Tomlinson.

"I don't think I did," Dr. Donlin replied.

"Had you any suspicion that things were not right?"

"Well, I can't say. I was not satisfied about it, because the whole intestines were so filled with embalming fluid that it was not easy to decide anything."

Replying to other questions, Dr. Donlin said that at the time of the trial he had no particular opinion as to the cause of Mr. Rice's death.

"What report did you make to Coroner Hart?" Mr. Tomlinson asked.

"I told Coroner Hart I found nothing in particular and that it was up to Prof. Witthaus."

Dr. Donlin said he had presented a bill of \$1.50 to the District Attorney for "services rendered" in the case, but Recorder Goff would not let the counsel ask him the nature of the services he had rendered. Dr. Donlin was in court seven days during the trial of Patrick. He was receiving \$3,000 a year at that time as Coroners' Physician.

Robert Aurich, recalled by Mr. Tomlinson, was examined at length concerning the stenographic report of his statements to Assistant District Attorney

Osborne. He said he was quoted as replying to questions that were never asked.

"This report says you replied that the congestion was co-extensive with the lungs."

"I did not say so. They were trying to force me to say that, but I told them I only knew what Dr. Donlin said."

"Is this report of what took place between you and Mr. Osborne correct?" Aurich read over the type-written transcript of his examination by Mr. Osborne and said he had no recollection of any of the replies he is reported to have made.

Mr. Tomlinson desired to examine George Gordon Battle, of the law firm of Weeks & Battle, who are accredited with representing the valet, Charles P. Jones, in the negotiations with the District Attorney, but Mr. Battle was detained in another court. An adjournment was taken until Tuesday next.

Mr. Tomlinson wants to examine Robert M. Moore, Frederick B. House and Mr. Battle, all lawyers, and Mr. Garvan desires to question the reporter and Dr. Peabody who had made affidavits. Recorder Goff said he would vote all Tuesday morning to the evidence and the afternoon to the argument of counsel. Briefs are to be submitted within a week from that date.

### MURPHY TURNED ON GAS.

Found Dead To-Day in His Room in Centennial Hotel.

Thomas Murphy, twenty-five years old, was found dead to-day in a room in the Centennial Hotel, No. 255 West Fifty-fifth street.

It is supposed that he committed suicide, as the gas was turned on and the people of the hotel say that they smelled gas and traced it to Murphy's room. When they opened the door they found Murphy dead.

### New York Canoe Club Election.

At the annual meeting of the New York Canoe Club, held last night at the Arena, the following officers were elected: President, Woolsey Gorman; Captain, E. A. Bennett; Secretary, H. R. Stevens; Purser, Edward Muller; Mate, Frank C. Hoyt; Board of Trustees, Class of 1903—A. Bennett, R. W. Swift, B. V. H. Seidel, Auditing Committee—William H. Fales and Dr. H. H. Morton.

### High Divers Put to Shame.

Man Falls Seventy-Two Feet and Lands Unhurt in the Mud.

Fancy high divers were put to shame by the novel exhibition of Bryan McGowan, but the small crowd of spectators got no pleasure in seeing his rapid drop from the peak of the tower on the German Building in Luna Park, Coney Island, to the lagoon.

Bryan McGowan is a carpenter, and this feat was not in his contract with the owners of the building. When he was dug out of the mud and water it was found that nothing but his temper had been impaired by the fall of seventy-two feet.

The workman was discussing a fine point with another carpenter when he lost his balance and fell backward. Had he fallen on the other side of the tower he would have met instant death, but fortune favored him.

He struck fairly in the old lagoon that was used for the "shoot the chutes." There were two feet of water and four feet of soft, silty mud, and together they formed a soft cushion. Nothing but McGowan's feet stuck up out of the mud.

When he was extricated he spit the mud out of his mouth and insisted on returning to take up the thread of his argument. He was persuaded to go home and put on some dry clothes.

### Mrs. Hughson, of Chicago, whose letter follows, is another woman in high position who owes her health to the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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### Mrs. Leiah Stowell, 177 Wellington St., Kingston, Ont., writes:

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